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SUBJECT: TRIALS CONTINUE TO ENLIVEN GREEK HOLIDAYS

1. THE TWIN, BUT SEPARATE, TRIALS OF THE JUNTA FIGURES ACCUSED OF TORTURE AND OF THE APRIL 21, 1967 COUP HAVE CONTINUED TO CAPTIVATE THE INTEREST OF GREEKS DURING THIS SUMMER PERIOD OF OTHERWIST POLITICAL DOLDRUMS. DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, THERE HAVE BEEN NO RADICAL DEPARTURES OR STARTLING REVELATIONS.

2. THE EARLY WAVE OF IRRESPONSIBLE COMMENT ATTEMPTING TO LINK THE JUNTA DEFENDANTS TO THE U.S. OR NATO CONTINUES APACE AS TRIALS PROGRESS. FOR EXAMPLE, RETIRED ARMY COLONEL HONDROKU TOLD THE COURT AT THE COUP TRIAL THAT AS A FORMER BASE COMMANDER IN NORTHERN GREECE IN 1965, HE RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF AMERICAN MILITARY WHO SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT OFFICERS SUCH AS PAPADOPOULOS AND SPANTIDAKIS WERE "REAL COMERS". HIS TESTIMONY PROMPTED PRESS ITEMS ALONG THE LINES OF "PAPADOPOULOS-CIA RELATIONS TO BE INVESTIGATED" (APOYEVMATINI) AND "AMERICAN MADE THEM LIKE THAT" (TA NEA). DURING HER APPEARANCE AT THE

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TORTURE TRIAL, NEA DEMOCRATIA (ND) DEPUTY VIRGINIA

TSOUDEROU ALLEGED AMONG HER REMARKS THAT HER CAPTORS HAD INTERROGATED HER BY USING WHAT SHE LABELLED AS "OBVIOUSLY NON-GRECIAN METHODS BASED ON A NATO PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE MANUAL". HER COMMENTS LIKEWISE MADE THE FRONT PAGE OF SOME PAPERS WITH TITLES SUCH AS "NATO INSTRUCTED THE TORTURERS" (ELEFTHEROTYPIA) AND "THEY USED THE TORTURE MANUAL OF NATO" (TO VIMA).

3. FOLLOWERS OF THE TRIALS HAVE BEEN TREATED TO IMPASSIONED ACCOUNTS OF PERSONAL SUFFERINGS AND IN ONE CASE A FIST-FIGHT. MOST WITNESSES AT THE TORTURE TRIAL HAVE TOLD OF ILLEGAL MIDNIGHT DETENTIONS, ROUGH HANDLING, DEPRIVATION OF FOOD AND WATER FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND SOME ALSO SPOKE OF OCCASIONAL PHYSICAL MALTREATMENT. MOST WITNESSES HAVE STRESSED THE ADVERSE PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE UNDER WHICH THEY WERE IMPRISONED. HOWEVER, SO FAR, THE MORE LURID ASPECTS SUCH AS ELECTRICAL SHOCK TREATMENT AND SEXUAL MOLESTATION (REFERRED TO EARLIER IN PRESS) HAVE NOT SURFACED IN THE TESTIMONY. AT ONE POINT IN THE COUP TRIAL, PROSECUTION WITNESS DEPUTY HYPOCRATES SAVVOURAS (ND) SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES DURING A SCUFFLE WITH A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE OF SAVVOURAS' DEROGATORY CHARACTERIZATION OF ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS.

4. WHILE THE TORTURE TRIAL IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME TO COME, WITH MANY WITNESSES STILL INSCRIBED, THE APRIL 21 COUP TRIAL HAS PROGRESSED RAPIDLY AND MAY BE WINDING ITS WAY TO CONCLUSION. STILL ON THE DOCKET AT SOME STILL UNDETERMINED FUTURE DATES ARE THE "POLYTECHNIC" AND THE "CYPRUS" TRIALS.

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